

- (c) Non-ionic emulsifiers that are ethoxylated esters (claims 22-34 in-part, 35-48, 60-70 in-part, 123-136 and 151-158);
- (d) Acidic anionic polymers and anionic emulsifiers (claims 49-59);
- (e) Acidic anionic polymers (claims 71-83);
- (f) Cetyl alcohol and stearic acid (claims 84-96);
- (f) Sodium stearyl lactate and sodium isostearyl lactylate (claims 96-109); and
- (g) Carbohydrate polymers, acidic wax and anionic emulsifiers (claims 137-150 and 159-173).

As discussed during the telephone interview conducted on December 16, 2003, Applicant hereby elects with traverse the emulsifying system (a) anionic emulsifiers, with acidic waxes initially being elected as the specific compound. This election of the emulsifying system (a) anionic emulsifiers, with acidic waxes initially being elected as the specific compound, reads at least on claims 1-21, 137-150, and 159-173.

Applicant also elects epidermolysis bullosa as the initial skin condition for consideration.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the courtesies extended to Applicant's representatives during the December 16, 2003 telephone interview.

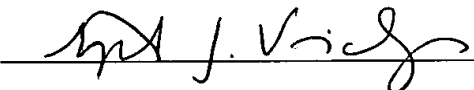
Conclusion

Applicant hereby elects with traverse the emulsifying system (a) anionic emulsifiers, with acidic waxes initially being elected as the specific compound, reading at least on claims 1-21, 137-150, and 159-173. Applicant also elects epidermolysis bullosa as the initial skin condition for consideration.

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